We CARE We VOTE
Knowing your options for voting in Kansas in 2020

As hospital employees working long shifts or odd hours, it can be challenging to arrive at the voting booth before the polls close on election days. Fortunately for Kansas hospital employees, our state allows absentee voting and “no-excuse” early voting. Do you know the difference, and do you know the steps involved with each option?

If your answer is no, you are not alone — so we’ve prepared this helpful guide to voting in Kansas in 2020. Use this information to ensure your vote gets counted at the 2020 Kansas Primary Election on Aug. 4 and the U.S. General Election on Nov. 3.

Voter Registration
First and foremost, register to vote. If you have already registered during prior elections, go online and check your registration status to ensure everything is still in place and your registration is still valid. Every election cycle, countless Americans find themselves unable to vote due to issues with voter registration — missing deadlines, failing to update their registration when they move or change their name, or just not knowing how to register in the first place.

To make sure that doesn’t happen to you, visit www.sos.ks.gov to register to vote, check your registration, find your polling place and more. Or, NEW this year, use our VotER QR code to register to vote. You must register at least 21 days prior to Election Day, so registration deadlines for the upcoming elections are:

- **2020 Kansas Primary Election:** Deadline to register is July 14
- **2020 U.S. General Election:** Deadline to register is Oct. 13

Voting by Mail/Absentee Voting
All Kansas voters can vote by mail for any reason. There are no special eligibility requirements, but you do need to submit an advance ballot application. In light of the pandemic, several Kansas counties have sent advance ballot applications to all registered voters; those who haven’t received one can download the application with detailed instructions from the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State website at www.sos.ks.gov. Your application must be received by county election officials on or before the Tuesday prior to the election (July 28 for the August primary, and October 27 for the November general election).

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Early Voting

Early voting means casting your ballot in person at a polling place prior to an election. Kansas permits no-excuse early voting, which means you do not have to provide a reason for voting early. Deadlines and polling locations vary by county – for more information, find the contact information for your County Election Officer on www.sos.ks.gov.

Remember, Kansas does require all voters to present valid photo identification when casting a ballot in person, such as a driver’s license or nondriver’s identification card.

The 2020 election will be critical for choosing state and national leaders who care about building a healthy Kansas. Your vote counts and your voice matters, so please be sure you are ready and able to cast your ballot for the future leadership of our state and our country.

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